

Selectmen's Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 7:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

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Present: First Selectman Nina Daniel, Selectman Chris Spaulding, Selectman Dennis Tracey, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Superintendent William McKersie, BOE Chairman Ellen Uzenoff, Town Finance Director Rick Darling, School Finance Director Richard Rudl, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene, , Weston Residents

This meeting was videotaped and recorded. The tapes are available in the Selectmen's office. The meetings are available for viewing online via the Town's website.

Ms. Daniel called the meeting to order at: 7:30pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Superintendent William McKersie

1- Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Bob Uzenoff as the Moderator and Barbara Reynolds as the (assistant moderator) Parliamentarian for the ATBM on April 19th, 2017. Mr. Spaulding moved to appoint Bob Uzenoff as the Moderator for the ATBM on April 19th 2017. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Tracey moved to appoint Barbara Reynolds as the Parliamentarian for the ATBM on April 19th 2017. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried.

2- Discussion/decision regarding the Board of Selectmen's review and transmittal of the Board of Education's budget to the Board of Finance. Ms. Daniel noted this is a tight budget growth due to contracts and obligations, digital learning and technology. Capital budgets items such as AC at Hurlbutt were discussed, especially in light of the impending state budget. The Selectmen asked the BOE to come up with contingency plans if needed. Ideas of pooling services, long term sharing etc. were discussed. Mr. Tracey noted that he would like security costs looked into. Our costs are nearly 3 times per student then our neighboring towns. Superintendent McKersie agreed and will look into this. Mr. Tracey moved to transmit the Board Of Education FY 2017-18 Operating Budget of \$49,907,522 to the Board of Finance subject to a proviso that as and when sufficient information is received regarding State budget cuts and or increased expenses, the Board of Education will make such budget reductions as are necessary and appropriate. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried.

3- Discussion/decision regarding the Board of Selectmen's review and transmittal of the First Selectmen's budget to the Board of Finance. Similar discussions were had regarding the F/S budget and what might come down from the State. Reductions have already been made to the F/S budget which makes up 1/10 of the Town's budget. The budget was reduced by 2.9% to 2.75%

Ms. Sanborn requested a P/T children's librarian for 13 hours/wk at \$9,295.00. BOS did not feel it was urgent at this time and suggested coming back with this request next year. After further discussion, the BOS suggested they reduce the director's salary so they can add the P/T position. Ms. Sanborn agreed.

Mr. Tracey moved to transmit the First Selectman's FY 2017-18 Operating Budget of \$12,842,265 to the Board of Finance subject to a proviso that as and when sufficient information is received regarding State budget cuts and or increased expenses, the Board of Selectmen will make such budget reductions as are necessary and appropriate. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Spaulding moved to transmit the F/S 2017/18 Capital Budget of \$1,223,600 to the Board of Finance subject to a proviso that as and when sufficient information is received regarding State budget cuts and or increased expenses, the Board of Selectmen will make such budget reductions as are necessary and appropriate. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried.

4- **Adjourn** Mr. Spaulding made a motion to adjourn at 10:24pm Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

Approved: March 23, 2017